

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Tulare Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:30 a.m. by Vice Chairperson Nick Sherwood, at the Claude Meitzenheimer Community Center.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Nick Sherwood Eric Farrenkopf
Armando daSilva Ira Porchia

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Hunt J. Dean Johns
Brian Beck Kathy Melendez

STUDENTS PRESENT: Kallista Wales

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Armando daSilva.

After the flag salute, newly-appointed commissioner Ira Porchia was welcomed and introduced. Mr. Porchia works for the Tulare City School District as Director of Educational Data Systems.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

Director Rob Hunt reminded commissioners there will be City Council budget session to review the second draft on May 15 at 6:00pm. Staff has been directed by Council to cut an additional 5% from budgets.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

(1) Approve Commission minutes of April 10, 2018, regular meeting

It was motioned by Commissioner Farrenkopf and seconded by Commissioner daSilva and unanimously carried that the minutes be approved as presented.

VI. SCHEDULED CITIZEN OR GROUP PRESENTATIONS

None.

VII. STUDENT REPORT

Student Kallista Wales reported on upcoming campus activities. Wales has decided to attend UC Davis in the fall.

VIII. GENERAL BUSINESS

(1) Staff report and recommendation to set schedule for the water splash pads at Del Lago Park and Mulcahy Park

Parks Manager Johns stated he will begin to operate all splash pads by Memorial weekend from 12 – 7 p.m. on Saturday through Monday, then operate daily from 12 – 7 p.m. beginning in June when school is out for the summer. After short discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to accept operating hours as presented.

(2) Recreation Division attendance report for the month of April 2018 and special events and review of program cost recovery reports

Recreation Manager Beck reviewed the following: Beck reviewed the monthly report and noted that softball tournaments are going well, BEST Club attendance has remained steady, Recreation Supervisor Tisthammer has been working with the School District regarding on-campus safety procedures; Teen Fest was held last week with over 500 teens in attendance; concert series begins next week; Recreation staff is gearing up for summer activities including swim lessons, camps, movie nights, tennis, golf. Beck also reviewed the cost recovery reports for the Spring Carnival, Spring Camp and Men's Volleyball.

(3) Staff report on Park maintenance operations for the month of April 2018 and update on park projects and special events

Parks Manager Johns reported on the following: Johns reviewed the monthly report with commissioners noting that Chavez Park playground project is starting today; upgraded and completed irrigation software and an Ethernet will be installed at Fire Station #3; The Grove landscaping improvements are complete. SWAP hours for the month of April were 688.

IX. ITEMS OF COMMISSION INTEREST

Vice Chair Sherwood inquired about the utilization of the skatepark. Director Hunt advised there is no way to track how many people are using the facility since it is not staffed.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the regular meeting adjourned at 7:01 a.m.